

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Site name: Albany Mudflats State Marine Park

Year established: 1986

Approximate Area: 0.19 nm² **Approximate Shoreline length:** 1.78 nm

Approximate Depth range (feet): 0 to 15

Habitat types: Intertidal and subtidal mudflats

Surrounding habitat types: Estuarine and marsh

Summary of existing regulations: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational hook and line take of species other than marine aquatic plants from shore only. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited within the park.

Primary objectives: This area was originally designated as an ecological reserve. Fish and Game Code Section 1580 (ecological reserves) states that "the policy of the state is to protect threatened or endangered native plants, wildlife, or aquatic organisms or specialized habitat types, both terrestrial and nonmarine aquatic, or large heterogeneous natural gene pools for the future use of mankind through the establishment of ecological reserves." Although the language does not specifically refer to ecological reserves in marine areas, the Fish and Game Commission has extended this policy to those areas.

Existing enforcement: Albany Mudflats is patrolled regularly by the Department of Fish and Game.

Baseline and ongoing monitoring and research studies: None found.

Basic Evaluation: Insufficient information for evaluation at this time.

Site name: Robert W. Crown State Marine Conservation Area

Year established: 1980

Approximate Area: not available

Approximate Shoreline length: not available

Approximate Depth range (feet): not available

Habitat types: Intertidal and subtidal estuarine habitat consisting primarily of mudflats and sandy bottom.

Surrounding habitat types: Estuarine with sandy bottom

Summary of existing regulations:

Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

1. Finfish may be taken recreationally by hook and line only.
2. Finfish and kelp may be taken commercially.

Primary objectives: Protection of estuarine habitat

Existing enforcement: This area is part of regular patrol by the Department of Fish and Game as well as East Bay Regional Park Police and the Alameda Police Department.

Baseline and ongoing monitoring and research studies: None found.

Basic Evaluation: Insufficient information for evaluation at this time.